

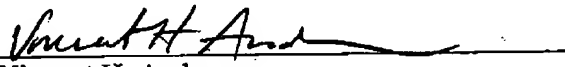
**REMARKS**

Applicants submit the foregoing amendments voluntarily in an effort to place the case in condition for allowance. Allowance of the case is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the present application.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges to our Deposit Account number 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,  
**BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN, LLP**

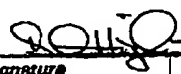
Date: 3/31/05

  
Vincent H. Anderson  
Reg. No. 54,962

12400 Wilshire Blvd., 7th Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90025-1026  
Telephone: (503) 439-8778

**CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION**

*I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office at:*

1-571-273-3175  
Facsimile Number  
  
Signature 3-31-05  
Date

Application No.: 09/676,888  
Attorney Docket No.: 015685.P027

-21-

Examiner: V. Ly  
Art Unit: 2667

**BEST AVAILABLE COPY**